

Memorandum

To : All Pesticide Registration Branch Staff Date: October 25, 1994

Place: Sacramento

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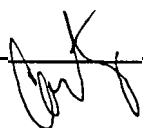
From : Department of Pesticide Regulation • Barry Cortez, Chief

Subject : Assigning Chemical Codes for Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.)
and Other Microbials by Strain

Microbials, especially Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.), have been produced in many different strains. USEPA is now requiring data on each different strain. To track this information, a chemical code will be assigned to microbials by genus, species, subspecies and strain. By assigning a different chemical code to each strain, we will identify the strains registered and the data submitted for each strain. This will require the following procedure.

1. The Intake Program Technicians will screen applications to register microbials by checking the label and application to determine the genus, species, subspecies and strain.
2. If any of these four identifiers are missing, the registration specialist handling that company will be asked to contact the company and require an application for registration showing the genus, species, subspecies, and strain.
3. When the new application is received, the Intake Program Technicians will enter the proper chemical code for the microbial strain and forward the package.
4. If no chemical code can be found for this genus, species, subspecies and strain, the package will be given to Ralph Shields who will review the package and consult the microbiologist before a new chemical code is assigned.
5. Upon review of the package, the microbiologist will confirm the microbial down to strain. If any discrepancies are noted, Ralph Shields will be notified regarding any change to a chemical code.

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6. Staff in Information Systems Branch will code the active ingredients for microbial products using the chemical code assigned to the strain.

Leilani Hansen will conduct a survey of currently registered B.t. products and determine which can be identified down to strain. For those microbials that are not identified down to strain, the companies will be notified and asked to update the file by submitting a new application for registration and identify microbials down to strain.

If you have any questions, contact your supervisor.

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